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3732Invention: **INSTRUMENT AND SYSTEM FOR PREPARING THE DISC SPACE BETWEEN TWO VERTABRAL BODIES.**I hereby certify that this Amendment*(Identify type of correspondence)*

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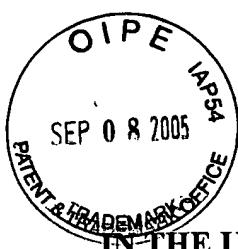
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Preparing the Disc Space :
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated June 3, 2005. Kindly enter the following amendments:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.